

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.

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Form no.

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1 Lexington

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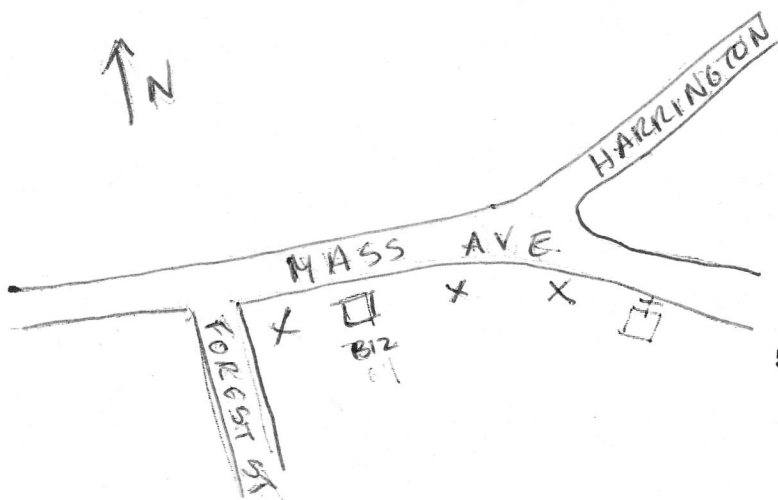
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c. 1850

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1876 map

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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



Architect

Exterior wall fabric clapboard

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features 2½ story, double pitch roof, gable end to street; foundation brick covered by plaster, wide corner boards with inset panels; two 1st story windows floor to ceiling, and door, entrance on right of main facade; door with narrow full length side light

Altered Date

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less Over one acre X

Approximate frontage 200'

Approximate distance of building from street

20'

6. Recorded by E.W.Reinhardt

Organization Lex. Hist. Com

Date June 1976

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant

MHC Photo no.

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	_____	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Descrip. Cont: panelling - four panels in door, top two longest, all four with modified
Dependencies: two story ell to rear, with side porch on North side

Gable end of roof, strong return, with two brackets each corner, moderately wide overhang
windows 6x6 - 2nd story; 6x9, 1st story; regularly spaced single brackets along cornice.

Shed dormer, south side of roof, one visible chimney

Historical significance

In the late 1800s and early 1900s this was the home of the Rev. Carlton A. Staples, minister of the First Parish Church. During the 1920s and 1930s it was the home of Professor Hollis Webster and his wife, Helen Noyes Webster. Prof. Webster was a Greek/Latin scholar and his wife was a nationally recognized authority on herbs and herbal medicines.

The house is indicated on the 1853 map (Walling).

V. Wilder ?

S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
1960 MASS. AVE.

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

1853 map – V. Wilder??

The earliest known occupant of this house was Rev. Henry Westcott (1831-1883), the minister of the Lexington Unitarian Church from 1867-1881.

On November 12, 1881, the *Lexington Minute-man* reported that:

Rev. C. A. Staples has purchased the estate of his predecessor in the pastorate of Lexington Unitarian church. Mr. Westcott's family removed to Malden this week. They are pleasantly located in their new home.

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